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POPE LEO ON THE CATHOLIC PRESS.

A Catholic newspaper in a parish is a perpetual mission. Let all who truly and from their souls desire that religion and society, defended by human intellect and literature should flourish, strive by their liberality to guard and protect the Catholic press, and let everyone in proportion to his income support them with his money and influence, for to those who devote themselves to the Catholic press we ought by all means to bring helps of this kind, without which their industry will either have no results or uncertain and miserable ones.

POPE LEO XIII

CATHOLIC FEDERATION.

At a meeting of the Executive Council of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America held at 120 West Sixth street, New York city, last Monday, the question of uniting the organization with the proposed federation of all Roman Catholic societies in the United States was taken up. There were at the meeting the Rev. D. F. McGillicuddy, of St. Stephen's church, Worcester, Mass., President; J. Washington Logue, of Philadelphia, Vice-President; the Rev. Alexander P. Doyle, C. S. P., of New York, General Secretary; the Rev. J. J. Curran, of Wilkesbarre, Pa., Treasurer; Mrs. L. M. Lake, of St. Louis, Mo., Third Vice-President. The Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America has a membership of 81,000, being probably the largest lay organization in the Roman Catholic Church in the country.

All the members of the council agreed that the affiliation of the society with the proposed federation would be for the best interests of the organization, provided certain conditions were complied with by the adoption of a platform which should embrace the following principles: The independence of the Holy See, the advancement of religious education and the maintenance of the apostolate of the press for the dissemination of sound ideas of Catholic doctrine. In speaking of the result of the deliberations of the Executive Council Father Doyle said:

"The tone of the meeting was in general sympathy with the idea of federation, but not on the basis of any grievance. The necessity of a positive programme was affirmed which would have for its purpose the advancement of Catholic interests by developing a greater activity among laymen. Catholics do not stand before the country in any attitude of complaint, but are, on the contrary, in thorough harmony with the best inspiration of the American people. One principle which ought to be insisted upon, in the event of a national federation, is that of the advancement of religious education. There is already among the Catholic laity a movement which looks to that end. Hitherto, the question of religious education has been left to the sole care of the clergy and, therefore, the laity have had little sympathy with it and have done little to promote it. Lately, however, the laity have taken the matter in hand themselves and the work of the proposed federation should be in the direction of directing and fostering such a movement."

SUNDAY REST.

The law of labor is a divine law imposed upon humanity, says "Liberty," the Philippine Catholic paper, after the fall of the first man. "Thou shalt eat thy bread in the sweat of thy brow." This law, however, does not mean that it elevates; it does not mean that it dignifies; and it does not mean that it sanctifies and redeems.

God Himself, after becoming man, did not dream it beneath His Dignity to pay tribute to this universal law of labor. The drops of perspiration that flow from the brow of the laborer are sacred, because the Creator imposed and sanctified them.

But is there a law that man should work always and in every place, without some time for rest? God Himself, who imposed the law of labor upon man, also gave him the command to rest. "Remember," said He to the Jewish people through Moses, "remember thou keep holy the Sabbath Day! Six days thou shalt work, and on the seventh is the rest of the Lord thy God. On that day thou shalt do no work, etc." (Exod. XX., 8-10.) Labor is necessary and wholesome; but virtue ends where excess begins. The strength of the strongest man will give out if there be no relaxation. Hence "I consider the Sunday," says the eminent English physician, Dr. Farrer, "as a day of necessary rest, when the human forces recuperate. The nightly rest restores these forces in part but not sufficiently so. For that reason Divine Providence has ordained one day of rest out of seven, to renew the wanting strength completely."

"It is true that the harmful effects of continued work are not so noticeable in man as in animals, but finally man collapses much more quickly. The command of resting one day in seven is a necessity founded in nature. The human organism is so constructed that it needs one day in seven to recuperate physically and mentally."

"Keep thyself pure." "Keep yourselves in the love of God." "Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God." "Walk in the spirit and ye shall not fulfill the lusts of the flesh." "Keep thy heart with all diligence." These are admonitions which every young man who would live a wholesome life would do well to write on his heart.

The first thought of a wife or a mother should be her home, all things, no matter how important are secondary to that. No matter how rampant may become certain public evils let her see to it that she keeps the evils out of her home, and she performs her greatest duty to God, her family and mankind. When a woman tries to remedy an evil by striding the lecture platform, warning of evils, when that very evil is invading the home in her absence, she is mistaking her mission in life, and she cannot realize it too soon. The good that a woman can do toward the great world at large is nothing compared to her possibilities in her own home if she be a wife or a mother.

The castle which Oswald d'Aurmene, the Belgian artist, has offered as a home for Oom Paul Kruger, was built by monks as a convent 309 years ago. Its career has been varied and royalty has often been entertained within its walls. M. d'Aurmene bought it two years ago, and, being wealthy, restored it to all its old grandeur.

Rev. Father Nolan, a graduate of St. Joseph's College, Dubuque, has left for Washington, where he will enter the Catholic University to take a post-graduate course in theology. It is understood that it is the intention of Archbishop Keane to send all worthy young priests who show ability in philosophical and theological studies to the university.

Cardinal Cretoni has been appointed Prefect of the Congregation of Indulgences and Relics.

The people of California have adopted an amendment to the State constitution exempting Church property from taxation.

Catholics are crowding the professions in Russia and the government has had to restrict their enrollment in the medical schools. The same state of things is remarked in Germany.

"Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty" is the uppermost thought in the minds of loyal and fearless Catholics in Germany. Now, as in the past, the Centre, or Catholic party stands in the breach. We learn that it will renew the agitation for the recall of the Jesuits, during the current sessions of the Reichstag.

The Hon. and Rev. Father Plunkett, C. S. R., who founded the Redemptorist mission at Highgate Hill, Western Australia, died at Sydney recently. He left Highgate Hill on August 30th to attend the Australian Catholic Congress at Sydney. Although he had reached his 77th year, he continued with unabated zeal his work of missions and retreats.

The sad news has reached Mill Hill, London, that the Right Rev. Theophilus Mayer, D. D., auxiliary Bishop of Madras, is dead. Dr. Mayer formerly belonged to St. Joseph's Foreign Missionary College, Mill Hill, London.

GEMS.

The busy man never finds the day too long.
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We trust that our subscribers will kindly overlook any slight delay in receiving their paper this week. The many favors of our leading merchants who appreciate a true home paper, and whose announcements will furnish interesting holiday reading, will be a sufficient excuse.

FIVE MINUTE SERMON.

SHORT INSTRUCTIONS ON THE GOSPEL BY A REVEREND FATHER.

"Behold I send My angel before Thy face, who shall prepare Thy way before Thee."—Gospel of the day.

According to the predictions of the prophets the expected Messiah was to appear when the nations of the East had fallen under the power of one great empire, when the seventy weeks of years spoken of by Daniel, the prophet, were completed, and when the sceptre of absolute dominion had passed from the kingdom of Juda, as foretold by Jacob. Now, in the time of Christ all these predictions were fulfilled. The nations of the East had fallen under the power of the Roman empire, the seventy weeks of years were ended and the sceptre had passed from the land of Juda, and the Israelites groaned under the yoke of the stranger. The Jews, therefore, had good reason in the time of Christ to expect the coming of the Messiah.

In Him and in Him alone they should have recognized the Messiah. In Him the most minute circumstances regarding the Messiah were verified. And if the Hebrews, instead of expecting or desiring, through a misunderstanding, a warrior, a conqueror, an earthly and powerful prince, had given attention to what was foretold of His birth, growth, habits, actions, of His humiliations, sufferings, and death, they would have been compelled to recognize Him as the Messiah.

His poverty, His lowliness, His sufferings, and death led carnal men to believe that he was anything but God. Therefore it was that he declared blessed those who would not permit themselves to be deceived by appearances, as did the doubting disciples of St. John, and who, notwithstanding His humiliation, should recognize Him as the true Messiah and true God, annihilated for the salvation of the world. Blessed are we then who, taught not by flesh and blood, but by the grace of the Eternal Father, have recognized and adored the Crucified, the only Son of the living God.

This gospel teaches us to be always zealous followers and disciples of Jesus Christ; to cause His holy name to be praised; by laboring constantly in His service; not to be subject as reeds to every wind of temptation; to flee from the luxuries of life and the pomps of this world; and to show forth in our own lives the life of Jesus Christ.

Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday, Dec. 9—Second Sunday of Advent. Gospel, St. Matt., xl, 2-10. St. Leocadia, virgin and martyr.
Monday, 10—St. Melchisedech, Pope and martyr.
Tuesday, 11—St. Amasa, Pope and confessor.
Wednesday, 12—St. Gorman, abbot.
Thursday, 13—St. Lucy, virgin and martyr.
Friday, 14—Blessed Andrew Bobola.
Saturday, 15—St. Florence, abbot.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Rochester Council, No. 178, Knights of Columbus, have elected these officers: G. K. Edward McSweeney; D. G. K., Ralph Bendon; chancellor, James Kelly; recording secretary, John T. Molintyre; financial secretary, M. D. Kavanagh; treasurer, E. J. Esser; lecturer, William Allen; advocate, P. Cauley; warden, James W. Callaghan; I. G., J. J. Higgins; O. G., P. Cooper; trustees, W. T. Bassett, E. S. Gurry, C. M. Lane, W. J. Trimble, A. J. Wegman.



GRAND KNIGHT EDW. M'SWEENEY.

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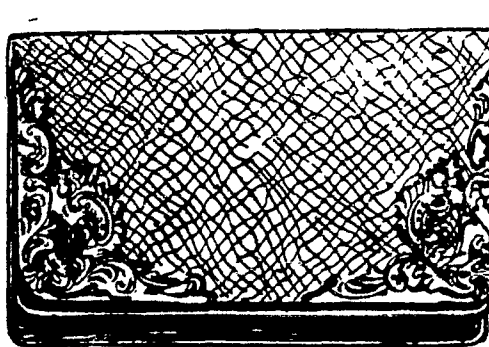
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